

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Howard G. Dolezal, Jr., et al.  
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USING AN ACIDIFICATION PROCESS  
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**FILED VIA EFS****RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This communication responds to the non-final Office Action mailed July 6, 2010, in connection with the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on October 6, 2010. Applicant considers this response as timely submitted within the shortened statutory reply period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicant hereby requests an extension for such additional time and authorizes the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2342 and to be notified of the same.

**Claims** are reflected on the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** are reflected beginning on page 7 of this paper.